

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2884 without my signature.

This bill is an attempt to remove obstacles to cleanup pollution at properties with non-operating businesses. However, this bill does not accomplish its intended purpose. If a Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board) initiates and attempts abatement, the Board should not be liable for complete abatement.

I am concerned that the board attempting the abatement will inappropriately incur liability as a responsible party under state and federal law. This will impose undue hardship on the State and significantly increase state expenditures.

For these reasons I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger